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Claims

1.-5. (cancelled)

- 6. (new) A signal processing unit, comprising:
 - a mechanism for digital signal processing; and
 - a control mechanism, wherein

the mechanism for digital signal processing and the control mechanism are connected by a serial time multiplex connection.

- 7. (new) The signal processing unit according to claim 6, wherein the signal processing unit is used in a telecommunication system.
- 8. (new) The signal processing unit according to claim 6, further comprising a mechanism for storing data.
- 9. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 6, wherein the serial time multiplex connection is implemented as a PCM 30 system.
- 10. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 7, wherein the serial time multiplex connection is implemented as a PCM 30 system.
- 11. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 8, wherein the serial time multiplex connection is implemented as a PCM 30 system.
- 12. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 6, wherein the mechanism for digital signal processing is a digital signal processor and/or a mechanism for echo suppression.
- 13. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 7, wherein the mechanism for digital signal processing is a digital signal processor and/or a mechanism for echo suppression.

- 14. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 8, wherein the mechanism for digital signal processing is a digital signal processor and/or a mechanism for echo suppression.
- 15. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 9, wherein the mechanism for digital signal processing is a digital signal processor and/or a mechanism for echo suppression.
- 16. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 6, wherein the signal processing unit is implemented as a separate module.
- 17. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 7, wherein the signal processing unit is implemented as a separate module.
- 18. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 8, wherein the signal processing unit is implemented as a separate module.
- 19. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 9, wherein the signal processing unit is implemented as a separate module.
- 20. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 12, wherein the signal processing unit is implemented as a separate module.
- 21. (new) The signal processing unit according to Claim 16, wherein the signal processing unit is implemented as a separate module of an exchange of a digital switching system.